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- 1. SUMMARY. BRITISH EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC MINISTER ARCULUS IN PARIS STRESSES THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN ABSOLUTELY SERIOUS ABOUT SEPARATE BRITISH REPRESENTATION AT PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE. ARCULUS THINKS PREPCON'S FINAL DECLARATION PROVIDES HELPFUL BASIS FOR BRITISH REPRESENTATION ON EACH OF THE FOUR COMMISSIONS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. IN COURSE E/C MINISTER-COUNSELOR'S COURTESY CALL ON HIS BRITISH COUNTERPART, MINISTER R. ARCULUS, OCTOBER 16, LATTER USED OCCASION TO MAKE CASE FOR SEPARATE BRITISH REPRESENTATION AT PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP ON ALL FOUR COMMISSIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. HE SAID FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN DEAD SERIOUS IN HIS INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE BRITISH REPRESENTATION, AND WHILE HE (ARCULUS) COULD IMAGINE VARIOUS FORMULAE OR TECHNIQUES WHICH COULD BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE BRITISH NEED, HE WAS NOT EVEN PERMITTED TO INDULGE IN SUCH SPECULATION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
- 4. IN TICKING OFF VARIOUS OCCASIONS AT WHICH ISSUE OF BRITISH MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN COMING WEEKS, HE MENTIONED NOVEMBER 12 MEETING IN LONDON OF SO-CALLED "CARLTON GROUP" (THE UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO MET IN THE CARLTON HOTEL IN NEW YORK EARLIER THIS MONTH, INCLUDING GEORGE SCHULZ, PROF. BARRE, ETC.); NOVEMBER 15, 16, 17 MEETING OF WHAT HE CALLED THE MONETARY SUMMIT IN FRANCE; AND THE DECEMBER 1-2 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT THAT THIS IS DECISION FOR EEC TO MAKE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE ARE NOT THE PROPER FORA FOR MAKING THE DECISION ON EEC REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE, WHICH AT LEAST THEORETICALLY NEEDS TO BE MADE WITHIN ONE MONTH OF PREPCON II'S FINAL DECLARATION OF OCTOBER 16, BUT HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BECOME TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THESE OTHER GATHERINGS.
- 5. ARCULUS DID NOT ASK FOR U. S. SUPPORT, BUT DID MENTION HIS PLEASURE THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION AT PREPCON HAD CONTINUED EMPHASIZE NEED FOR QUOTE OBJECTIVE CRITERIA UNQUOTE IN SELECTION COMMISSION REPRESENTATION AND HIS GRATIFICATION THAT LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT WAS INCLUDED IN FINAL DECLARATION. (NB: THE LANGUAGE IS THAT INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRY GROUPS SHOULD CHOOSE AS REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMISSIONS OUOTE THOSE WHO, BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL INTEREST AND THE OVERALL SIGNIFICANCE OF THEIR PARTICIPATION. SEEM BEST SUITED TO TAKE PART IN ORDER THAT THE WORK MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN AN EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER UNQUOTE.) HE THOUGHT THIS LANGUAGE APTLY DESCRIBED BRITISH QUALIFICA-TIONS FOR EACH COMMISSION, AND ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. ADVOCACY OF QUOTE OBJECTIVE CRITERIA UNQUOTE REFLECTED U. S. DESIRE ASSURE PROPER BRITISH ROLE IN CONFERENCE. CONFIDENTIAL

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6. WHILE NOT TOO SANGUINE ABOUT RESULTS OF CONFERENCE AND WORKINGS OF COMMISSIONS, HE THOUGHT LATTER WOULD PLAY USEFUL SAFETY VALVE ROLE IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A YEAR OF LONG AND ARDUOUS DISCUSSIONS.
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